

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24.

President Lincoln has replied to the Protest of sundry citizens of Tennessee, recently presented to him, against the proceedings of Gov. Andrew Johnson, in that State. In his reply he says:—"My conclusion is, that I have nothing to do with the matter, either to sustain the plan as the Convention and Governor Johnson have initiated it, or to revoke or modify it, as you demand. By the Constitution and laws the President is charged with no duty in the conduct of a Presidential election in any State, nor do I, in this case, perceive any military reason for his interference in the matter."

A mass meeting of the New York War Democracy, who are opposed to the Chicago nominations and the platform adopted by that Convention, have been invited to meet at the Cooper Institute, New York, on the 1st of November, to consider the proper course to be pursued in the present exigencies of public affairs. Among the signers of the call are Gen. Dix, Moses Taylor, A. T. Stewart, Edward Pierrepont, M. Ulshoefer, and other prominent citizens.

Admiral Farragut reports the capture of the schooner Watchful by the U. S. Steamer Arkansas. She purported to be bound from New York to Matamoras. The Captain represented her cargo to consist of lumber and petroleum, but on searching the vessel, boxes were found under the lumber which he acknowledged contained arms.

There is no truth in the statement that General Butler has effected a resumption of exchange of prisoners, and that ten thousand had been exchanged under this arrangement. A number of exchanges of invalid prisoners have been made, but this is all.

So intense a Republican sheet as the Chicago Tribune admits that "Governor Johnson has erred in prescribing the test oath;" and it adds that "the whole scheme of holding an election in Tennessee is a supreme farce."

The Clerk of the Market on Saturday, confiscated some Baker's bread, on account of light weight. We learn that the average of the baking was full weight or more, and that only a few loaves were accidentally deficient.

In a crowded car the other day in New York where two ladies got up and went out, three fat men were able to sit down in the vacated place. This is crinoline.

Eighty nine citizens of Denton, Md., swear that they voted against the new Maryland Constitution. The returns by the Commissioners give only forty-seven against it!

Several United States army officers made reconnoissances in Mobile bay on the 18th, passing inside the obstructions and returning safely.

The severe trade regulations of Gen. Canby have effectually stopped all business at New Orleans.

A destructive fire occurred at Lowell, Mass., last week. Loss \$250,000.

LETTER OF HON. GEO. H. PENDLETON.—The following letter from George H. Pendleton, the democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States, has been received by Hon. John R. Harkin, of the New York Democratic Executive State Committee:

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17.—My Dear Sir:—I have received your friendly letter. Malignant misrepresentations and falsehoods are so frequent in our political struggles that I have rarely undertaken to correct or refute them.

I make no professions of a new faith, and only repeat my reiterated professions of an old one, when I say that there is no one who cherishes a greater regard for the Union—who has a higher sense of its inestimable benefit—who would more earnestly labor for its restoration by all means which will effect that end, than myself.

The Union is the guarantee of the peace, the power, the prosperity of this people, and no man would deprecate more heartily or oppose more persistently the establishment of another government over any portion of the territory ever within its limits.

I am in favor of exacting no conditions, insisting upon no terms not pre-scribed in the constitution; and I am opposed to any course of policy which will defeat the establishment of the government upon its old foundation and its territorial integrity.

I am, very truly, yours, &c.,

GEORGE H. PENDLETON.

Letter from Mr. Boyce, of South Carolina.

A South Carolina Ex Congressman, Hon. W. H. Boyce, publishes in the Richmond Whig a long letter addressed to Jefferson Davis, in which he takes the ground that a long war must necessarily lead to military despotism as the form of government best adapted to war. That the republican institutions of the South are lost unless peace is had with the North, accompanied with harmony. That the convention of States proposed by the peace party in the North is the most feasible plan for restoring peace, and that Mr. Davis should give the party which proposes it all the encouragement possible by declaring his willingness to an armistice, and a convention of all the States in their sovereign capacity, to enter upon the subject of peace. Hon. H. V. Johnson, of Georgia, (who was the Douglas candidate for Vice President) has also written a letter urging that the South should encourage the peace movement at the North.

From Missouri.

Advices from Missouri represent heavy fighting to have occurred on Saturday afternoon, between General Curtis's command, and the Confederates under General Price.—No details of the battle are given, but the losses are reported to have been great. Todd, the Confederate, it is stated, was killed in it. Price's force is estimated at 28,000 strong.

From both sides of the James River it is reported that, with the exception of occasional shots, everything was unusually quiet up to the close of last week.

Messrs. Maddox, Metcalf, and Murray, of Salem, Va., and Mr. Jas. H. Hathaway, have been arrested as train guards.

The waste made in dust, ashes, cinders and grease, in New York city, amounts to more than \$1,000,000 annually.

The Maryland Colonization Society's ship Mary Caroline Stevens, has been sold for \$30,000 cash.

Pardon Worsely, the U. S. Government witness, in the case of Johnson & Sutton, dry goods merchants in Washington, now on trial before the Military Commission of which Gen. Fessenden is president, upon the charge of selling goods to blockade runners and contraband traders within the lines of the Confederacy, deposed as follows:

"He sold goods to Mosby and his officers under the direction and with the knowledge of the Government, and he always informed the Government of what he did. Witness's wife was also in the same business, and he was compensated by the Government. Witness had made money by selling goods, but had not divided proceeds with the Government. Witness gave bonds to the Government, and they took his honor for the faithful performance of his duties."

The outline of the new Canadian Federal Constitution will probably be as follows:

The Governor of the Confederation is to be appointed by the Crown, and be advised by a Cabinet under the British Parliamentary form. The members of the Upper House are to be appointed by the Crown for life. The members of the Lower House are to be elected for five years, and representation is to be adjusted every ten years. The Lieutenant Governor of each province is to be appointed by the Governor General of the Confederation, under the advice of the Federal Cabinet.

A most impudent cheat has been put upon the Parisian public. A person advertised in all the papers that he had an infallible recipe to attain long life, which he was willing to communicate to anybody who would send him twenty five cents in postage stamps. Everybody past fifty, and almost everybody of wealth sent him the required sum of money, and received in return this method of longevity: "Get yourself elected a member of the French Academy. All members attain great age; for instance, M. Dupin is 82, M. Berryer is 76, M. Guizot is 75," etc.

The voting for President has commenced in the Connecticut regiments on the James river. A law of the State allows this.

The U. S. Quartermaster's corps, lately employed on the line of the railroad, from this place, have returned.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Gold, to day, 212.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, 18th inst., in Ironton, Ohio, Dr. WASHINGTON KILMER, of this city, to Miss FLORENCE DAVEY, daughter of T. N. Davey, of the former city.

DIED.

In Baltimore, on Saturday, the 15th instant, JAMES M. ADAMS, in the 40th year of his age, (formerly of this place.)

TEACHER WANTED.

A TEACHER, (male or female) capable of teaching the English Branches in an Elementary Class. Fixed salary will be given.—Application should be made at once, to S. Lillenthal, No. 10, North Royal st., Alexandria, Va. oct 24—1w

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